



# NEWSLETTER

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FSGW Concerts

Alexandria, VA & DC



## Lee Murdock

*Songs from the Great Lakes*

Friday, April 1 at 6:30 • Alexandria, VA

Saturday, April 2 at 8 pm • Washington, DC

Great Lakes singer and storyteller **Lee Murdock** promises a lively evening of regional music at two venues in April: first Emma's Espresso and Wine Bar in Alexandria and again at Seekers Church in Washington, DC.

**Lee Murdock** has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories from around the Great Lakes. Taking snapshots from history, his songs give the listener a front-row seat to look through the eyes and into the hearts of individuals who have shaped

our heritage on and around these amazing bodies of water. His concerts invoke a sense of place, but it is a universal place and a timeless repertoire that celebrates the North American people, their triumphs and tragedies, work songs and pastimes.

"I'm interested in trying to find the life in these songs," he says. "I make music that's exciting for people today, and not only for the people who already enjoy folk music, but for those who think they don't like folk music."

Noted as a fluent instrumentalist on six- and twelve-string guitars, Murdock combines ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles with his flair for storytelling in songs. His musical influences span fifteen generations, and combine original compositions with traditional music.

The maritime communities of the Great Lakes thronged with hard-working, hard-living people, the ships they drove and the industries that supplied those ships with cargo. No surprise, then, that Murdock's repertoire is grounded in the work song tradition, a carryover from the rugged days of lumberjacks and wooden sail-

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ing schooners. More than anything else, he finds drama and inspiration in the lives of sailors and fishermen, lighthouse keepers, ghosts, shipwrecks, outlaws and everyday heroes.

Check out Lee's website for more info and to listen to some of his music: [leemurdock.com](http://leemurdock.com).

**Emma's Espresso and Wine Bar, 126 Hume Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301. (Del Ray) \$15 donation.**  
[www.emmascoffee.com](http://www.emmascoffee.com)

**Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20912. (Takoma, DC) \$20 non-members; \$10 FSGW members.**

# FSGW Sings/Swaps/Events

## FSGW OPEN SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1 • 8 PM NOTE: EARLIER START TIME**

Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on the topic—come join in the fun anyway! **Theme: Chorus Songs.** This month, held at the home of Kathie Mack ([kpmack2@gmail.com](mailto:kpmack2@gmail.com) or **301-270-5367**), 7208 Maple Avenue, 20912 (near Takoma Metro station on the Red Line).

## FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10 • 4-8 PM**

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at **6 pm**, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of Kathie Mack. Info/directions: **301-270-5367**.

## FSGW STORYSWAP • TAKOMA PARK, MD

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7:30 PM**

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Cricket Parmalee for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. For RSVPs and directions, email [cricket1425@yahoo.com](mailto:cricket1425@yahoo.com).

## FSGW SHAPE-NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 • 4-8 PM**

Every fourth Sunday, singers explore the rich traditions in *The Sacred Harp* (1991), *Shenandoah Harmony* (2013), and *Christian Harmony* (1959), with unaccompanied four-part singing fueled by a potluck supper. Loaner books are available, and all are welcome. Usually the singing is held upstairs in room 19 and the supper from 6-7 on the ground level of the Fellowship

Hall. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St., about a mile out from the Metro & Amtrak stations & GW Memorial. For more information contact [madaly@verizon.net](mailto:madaly@verizon.net) or **301-229-8534**.

## CO-SPONSORED SINGS

### CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD

**TUESDAYS APRIL 5 AND 19 • 1-2:30 PM**

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington (Senior Adult Programs) and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Enjoy delightful songs -humorous or serious, old or new, timeless or topical. Words will be provided on song sheets - no need to read music. Free! Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Monroese Road, 20852. Info or to volunteer, e-mail Liz Milner, [lizmilner@minsspring.com](mailto:lizmilner@minsspring.com).

### SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 • 1-3 PM**

On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. You don't have to read music, and printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance. Of course, you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901. Free! Cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. For more info or to suggest songs in advance, contact Fred Stollnitz at [fstollnitz@comcast.net](mailto:fstollnitz@comcast.net).

**PLEASE NOTE: FSGW Newsletter deadline NOW the 8th!**

From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor ([newsletter@fsgw.org](mailto:newsletter@fsgw.org)) by the **8th of the preceding month.**



# Bob Bovee

*Songs of the West and Midwest*

Wednesday, April 13

8 pm

For over forty years **Bob Bovee** has been bringing his wonderful old-time music and stories of the West and Midwest to vivid life.

Bob originally hails from Nebraska, where his family played and sang the old tunes and songs. Proficient on guitar, banjo, autoharp, and harmonica, Bob learned a

number of his songs from his grandmother. A fine singer, Bob also teaches and contributes to publications such as the *Old Time Herald*.

For most of his career, Bob performed with his wife, **Gail Heil**. Shortly after they last performed here in 2013, Gail passed away, but Bob is determined to carry on the tradition that he and Gail shared, and he continues to perform all over the country.

To find out more about Bob and hear a sample of his music, check out the website at [www.boveeheil.com](http://www.boveeheil.com).

Don't miss this unusual chance to see and hear Bob in the DC area, and sample his infectious playing and singing, fascinating stories of the West and hilarious dry wit. You'll have a memorably fine time, and in turn Bob will enlarge your view of American life and history. The setting couldn't be better: Andy and Sondra Wallace's beautiful restored 18th Century home, Mount Lubentia.

For reservations and directions, email [andy.sondra@verizon.net](mailto:andy.sondra@verizon.net), or call **301-324-7311**. Suggested donation is \$15.

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## FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW Board meetings will be held in Classroom 301 Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or **April Blum** by e-mail, [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org), or call afternoons or evenings **301-422-0292** in advance of the meeting.

FSGW House Concert

Takoma Park, MD

# Castlebay

*Traditional Music and Lore  
from Maine  
(with more than a touch of the Celtic)*



*Tuesday, April 19 • 7:30 pm*

**Julia Lane** and **Fred Gosbee** are **Castlebay**. They hail from Maine, a land of not only lobsters and blueberries, but a rich tradition of lore and song. Fred and Julia have loved and researched traditional music for most of their lives and blend history, legend, and experience into their personable performance style. Their concerts feature poignant ballads sung in Julia's ethereal soprano and Fred's rich baritone, interspersed with joyous dance tunes played on Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle, and tin whistle.

Ever since they began musically weaving together the heritage of New England and the Celtic lands in 1984, **Castlebay** has treated the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic.

They'll be at Janie Meneely's house in Takoma Park, Maryland, for a concert on Tuesday, April 19. Seating begins at 7:00 p.m., and the performance starts at 7:30. \$15 suggested donation. Expect coffee, wine, and dessert. For reservations, contact Janie Meneely at **443-786-0463** or at **janiemeneely@gmail.com**.

"What's **Castlebay** all about? -- Seafaring, the darkness and lightness of the coast of Maine, the rhythm of the tides."  
— Peter Spectre, marine author - See more at: <http://www.castlebay.net/>

## HOW TO SUBMIT A LISTING TO THE FSGW NEWSLETTER

1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy by email, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. So if you want to list a contra dance, your subject line is: Dance Contra [Month]. No punctuation, please. If it's a workshop: Workshop [Month]. If it's a single concert: Concert Individual [Month]. And so forth. Putting the category in the subject line makes it easier for the editor to retrieve groups of events.

2. Please submit all listings in FSGW format. All information should be submitted in the following sequence:

Event Title • City, State Abbreviation  
Day of the week, Date • start time - end time  
One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.  
Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat them in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code – it goes right after the street address. **Submit entries to [newsletter@fsgw.org](mailto:newsletter@fsgw.org)**

# 27TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION



APRIL 2ND AND 3RD, 2016

THE GREAT FALLS GRANGE  
9818 GEORGETOWN PIKE (ROUTE 193)  
GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA

**Saturday, April 2, 10 am-3:30 pm:** All-Day singing from *The Sacred Harp* (1991 Edition) with a midday break for dinner. Please bring a dish to share. Saturday evening social nearby - location to be announced.

**Sunday, April 3, 10 am-3:30 pm,** All-Day singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* with a midday break for dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

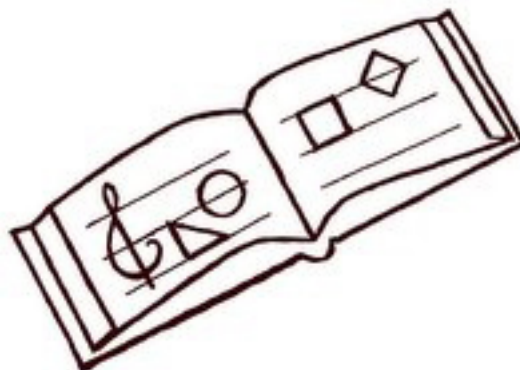
*Registration begins at 9:30 am on both days.*

The convention is free and open to the public. All are welcome and no experience is required. Copies of *The Sacred Harp* (1991 Edition) and *The Shenandoah Harmony* (2013 Edition) will be available to borrow or purchase. The Grange is now wheelchair-accessible and ADA-compliant. Questions? Info: Kelly Macklin at [jdelre@visuallink.com](mailto:jdelre@visuallink.com).

Shape note singing is an American *a cappella* tradition with roots in the Colonial period. Characterized by open harmonies and a powerful sound, shape note singing is music designed primarily for participation, rather than for performance.

Also, on Friday, April 1, there will be a shape-note singing from 7-9 pm in Takoma Park, MD, at the home of Corinne Ducey: [Corinne.ducey@gmail.com](mailto:Corinne.ducey@gmail.com).

For more information about *The Sacred Harp*, *The Shenandoah Harmony*, or shape note singing, visit <http://www.fasola.org/> or [www.shenadoahharmony.com](http://www.shenadoahharmony.com)



# FSGW Member and Scholar, Miriam Isaacs Illuminates Yiddish Folk Songs

By: Roger Broseus

FSGW member **Miriam Isaacs** has authored a web site revealing the content of a treasury of Yiddish folk songs. Collected as recordings by **Ben Stonehill** in 1948, and archived at the Library of Congress's (LOC's) American Folklife Center, the songs have been made more accessible by Dr. Isaacs in written transcriptions with English translations. Her discussion is accompanied by links to recordings of the songs, which were digitized by the LOC and are now archived by the US Holocaust Museum.

**Ben Stonehill** recorded over 1,000 folk songs, sung by survivors of the Holocaust who were temporarily housed in a Manhattan upper-west-side hotel, The Hotel Marseilles. Miriam, a sociolinguist and Yiddish scholar, retired from a professorship at the University of Maryland. She applied her scholarly efforts to illuminate Stonehill's post-WWII collection and make it available to the general public on the Internet. Interesting and enlightening, her writings also reveal information about survivors of the holocaust, as reflected in their songs.

The recordings of Yiddish folk songs and a discussion of them appears on the web site "The Stonehill Jewish Song Collection", which may be accessed at [www.ctms.org/stonehill.htm](http://www.ctms.org/stonehill.htm). To review and access the songs, scroll down to "Thematic Listing." Clicking on links for the songs leads to recording in Yiddish, as well as transcriptions and translations into English for many of the songs, background about the songs, and explanatory notes.

Miriam also delivered a lecture as part of the Library of Congress's Botkin Folklife Lecture Series. Entitled, "Jewish Folk Song, Ben Stonehill, and the Hotel Marseilles: Collecting Cultural Treasures in a Post-WWII New York Lobby," the lecture may be accessed as a webcast at <http://tinyurl.com/h698z5m>, where one may also read more about Miriam's interesting background.

Search You Tube for "Miriam Isaacs" to find more from Miriam Isaacs.



*Miriam delivering a lecture in the "Botkin Folklife Lecture Series" at the Library of Congress.*



# FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD • SPANISH BALLROOM

CONTRAS AND SQUARES • 7:30-10:30 PM

INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY • 7-7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday, FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. **Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves.** Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning.  
Info: **Penelope Weinberger** or **Steve Burnett**; [dance@fsgw.org](mailto:dance@fsgw.org)

Admission: \$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members  
\$5 youth (with student ID if over 17)  
\$13 for the general public

## April 3 - Brian Hamshar with *Atlantic Crossing*

*Atlantic Crossing* thrills and elates contra dancers with songs and acoustic traditional dance music of New England, music which is rooted deeply in the Celtic British Isles and in French and Maritime Canada. *Atlantic Crossing* is **Tristan Henderson** (mandolin, tenor banjo, vocals), **Rick Klein** (guitar, vocals), **Peter Macfarlane** (fiddle, low whistle, vocals), **Viveka Fox** (fiddle, bodhran, djembe). **Brian Hamshar** comes up from Central Virginia to call.



## April 10 - Caroline Barnes with *Honeysuckle Rose*

*Honeysuckle Rose* is a wonderful lineup featuring **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass). **Caroline Barnes** returns to Glen Echo to call.



## April 17 - Luke Donforth with *Rosinance*

**Dave Wiesler** (piano), **David Knight** (fiddle), **Josh Burdick** (fiddle) form the wonderful *Rosinance*. **Luke Donforth** comes to us from Vermont to call the dance.



## April 24 - Gaye Fifer calls with *Devine Comedy*

**Marty Taylor** (winds and concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **John Devine** (guitar) make up *Devine Comedy*. Gaye Fifer will join these legends for a wonderful night of dancing.



FSGW DANCE EVENTS

# FSGW English Country Dances

## Glen Echo, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., 20812. Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians—every Wednesday a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, oboe, concertina, bassoon, cello, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required. **Info: Stephanie Smith 301-229-3577 or Roger Broseus English@fsgw.org**

**Admission: \$10 for FSGW members, \$12 for non-members.**

### April

**6**

**Rich Galloway** calls the dances to the music of **Carrie Rose** (flute), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)



**20**

**Stephanie Smith** leads the dances while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Paul Oorts** (guitar) play the tunes



**13**

**April Blum** and **Tom Spilsbury** call the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Karin Loya** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music



**27**

**Anna Rain** calls to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Melissa Running** (piano).



***FSGW sponsors events that are intended to foster a pleasant environment and a tolerant community, and to provide a comfortable experience for all.***

### FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws:

**"The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."**

- All copy (except ads) must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 10th of the preceding month.
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- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

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# FSGW FAMILY DANCE

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10 · 3-5 PM

**Liz Donaldson** is a favorite caller with the family dance. She will return to call family fun dances with **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle) and **Ralph Gordon** (bass).. Fun for the whole family! In the Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Annex. No experience necessary – an experienced (and patient) family dance leader will make sure that everyone has a great time. \$5 for ages 4 and older.



# THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL - WASHINGTON, DC

None in April.

## FSGW CO-SPONSORED DANCE EVENTS



# SILVER SPRING CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE

## SILVER SPRING, MD

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14 · 7:30-10 PM · (7-7:30 LESSON)

Caller **Ann Fallon** with band **Waverly Station** (**David Knight, Liz Donaldson, Ralph Gordon**). Great Hall of the SS Civic Bldg, One Veterans Plaza, 20910. Free parking at 801 Ellsworth Dr. Introductory workshop

at 7. Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Montgomery County Rec Dept. \$8 for FSGW/BFMS/CDSS members. \$10 adults, \$5 students. First timers free. Info: Rachael Erichsen at **757-329-3714** or Busy Graham at **busygraham@gmail.com**



# GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS · MD

## THURSDAYS · 7:30-10:45 PM

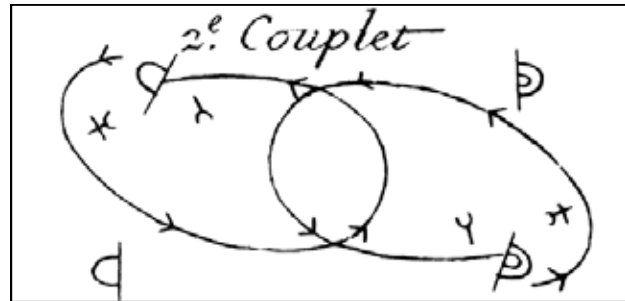
See the listing under International Dances on page 16.



The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Washington Spring Ball

English Country Dancing



Saturday, May 14, 2016

Music by: Alchemy

Karen Axelrod, piano; Eric Martin, violin/viola; Rachel Bell, accordion

Silver Spring Civic Building; One Veterans Place; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

FREE parking in the lot across the street, 801 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring Metro Station—12 minute walk

2:30-5:00 p.m.  
Practice session

5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Dinner

7:00-7:30 p.m.  
Reception

7:30-11:00 p.m.  
Ball

Practice session: Anna Rain, caller; David Knight, fiddle; Melissa Running, piano

Dinner: Potluck directions available at practice, restaurant suggestions at [www.bronord.com/ball2016](http://www.bronord.com/ball2016)

## Program

Alice  
Bar-a-Bar  
Cockle Shells  
Fair and Softly  
The Farmer's Joy  
Gold for the Mahieus

The Homecoming  
Horseplay  
Michael and All Angels  
Pluck Me a Fig  
Prince William  
Puck's Deceit

Snow Day  
Speed the Plough  
The Two Cousins  
Watkin's Ale  
We Meet Again  
The Young Widow

At the ball, dances will be prompted for a few rounds, with no walk-throughs. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. There is a practice session the afternoon of the ball at which most of the dances will be taught. Dances can also be learned at Wednesday night dances in Glen Echo MD, and via videos under "resources" at [bronord.com/ball2016](http://bronord.com/ball2016). Attire is dressy, with many participants wearing 'period' clothing.

**Register Online:** [washingtonspringball.brownpapertickets.com](http://washingtonspringball.brownpapertickets.com) **Register by Mail:** form at [bronord.com/ball2016](http://bronord.com/ball2016)

**Prices:** \$33—members—FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, \$38—non-members, Add \$5 after April 30, students 1/2 price

**Directions, Videos, FAQs:** [www.Bronord.com/ball2016](http://www.Bronord.com/ball2016),  
Registrar@bronord.com (Roger), Ball.Chair@bronord.com (Carrie)

# Concerts

## CONCERT SERIES



### FOCUS

For more info [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org)

**JOE CROOKSTON • ALEXANDRIA, VA**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2 • 7 PM**

**Joe Crookston** is a songwriter, singer, guitar picker, painter, claw hammer banjo player, eco-village member, and believer in all things possible. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, 22308. \$15 adv./\$18 door.

**JOAN AND JONI SHOW**

**(ALLISON SHAPIRA & KIPYN MARTIN) • ROCKVILLE, MD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10 7:30 PM**

Joan & Joni is a tribute to **Joan Baez** and **Joni Mitchell** performed by singer/songwriters **Allison Shapira** and **Kipyn Martin**. Tikvat Israel Congregation 2200 Baltimore Road, 20851. \$15 adv./\$18 door.

**JOHNSMITH ALEXANDRIA, VA**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7 PM**

**Johnsmith** is a man who loves his life, his family and friends, and who loves nothing more than sharing that love in song and stories all across this land. Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, 22302. \$15 adv./\$18 door.



**INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS (IMT)**

For more info: [imtfolk.org](http://imtfolk.org)

**THE KENNEDYS • WASHINGTON, DC**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1 • 7:30 PM**

20th Anniversary Triple CD Release Concert. New York duo **Maura** and **Pete Kennedy** have traversed a broad musical landscape, surveying power pop, acoustic songwriting, and organic rock rooted in their early days in Austin. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20912. (Takoma DC) \$20 adv./\$25 door.

**ARI & MIA • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH • 7:30 PM, DOORS 7 PM**

**Ari & Mia**, Boston's Americana sister act, reference the traditions of Southern and Northeastern fiddle music and the early American songbook to create a realm where their own compositions cross paths with older traditions. Their stylish and sophisticated music honors the sounds of Appalachian cottages, rural dance floors, and urban concert halls. Allyworld (Airshow, Inc.) 7014-C Westmoreland Ave., 20912. \$20 adv./\$25 door. Students \$15 adv./\$20 door.

**ONLY LONESOME • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 • 8 PM**

**Only Lonesome** is a powerhouse bluegrass band playing hard-driving, old-school, "caveman" bluegrass straight from

the dirty barrooms of Baltimore and DC in the 1950'. **Only Lonesome** is **Neel Brown** (guitar), **Stefan Custodi** (bass), **John Seebach** (mandolin), **Sam Guthridge** (banjo) and **Tom Lyons** (fiddle). Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave, MD 20912. \$15 adv/\$20 door.

**333 COFFEEHOUSE**

More Info: [333concerts.org](http://333concerts.org)

**MIKE AGRANOFF • ANNAPOLIS, MD**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 • 7:30 PM**

**Mike** is a "singer-songfinder" par excellence, a fine fingerstyle guitarist, a funny and charming storyteller, and a familiar face at the FSGW Getaway. Annapolis Friends Mtg. House., 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12/\$10 students, 65+, or members of ATDS, FSGW, BFMS.

**WEEKEND BLUEGRASS CONCERT SERIES**

**HERNDON, VA**

Both concerts held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd., 20170. More info: Bob Thompson **703-435-8377** or [kd4fue2@verizon.net](mailto:kd4fue2@verizon.net)

**CIRCA BLUE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 7:30 PM**

**Circa Blue** blends traditional and contemporary bluegrass music in their set lists, and their vocals and instrumentals are pure magic regardless of what style they are playing. \$15; free for age 12 and under.

**THE COUNTRY GENTLEMEN TRIBUTE BAND**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7:30 PM**

**The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band** is dedicated to continuing the bluegrass legacy of the legendary **Charlie Waller** and **The Country Gentlemen**, and they are magnificent in their recreation of that original sound. \$15; free for age 12 and under.

**INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS**

**BEAU SOLEIL • BURTONSVILLE, MD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3 • 7 PM**

Since forming in 1975, Grammy winners **BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet** have claimed their undisputed role as the most esteemed Cajun group in music. Church of the Resurrection (lower level Amadeo Room), 3315 Greencastle Road, 20866. Advance tickets \$25, \$20 seniors, \$15 students at <http://www.livingartsconcerts.com/april-3.html>. Contact Annick Kanter-Saint Hubert, **301-520-8921**, about availability of tickets at the door.


**SHIRLETA SETTLES & BILL BAKER**

**WASHINGTON, DC**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8 • 7:30 PM**

**Shirleta** is one of the finest rhythm & blues and gospel vocalists in the Washington area. She will be joined by **Wes**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<h1>April 2016</h1>			
<i>All times are pm unless otherwise noted.</i>			
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<p><b>10AM-3:30PM POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION</b></p> <p>10 am Annapolis Jam 11 am DC Bluegrass Union Jam 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 7 BeauSoleil concert Burtonsville, MD <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE BRIAN HAMSHAR WITH ATLANTIC CROSSING</b></p>	<p>7 DC Bluegrass UnionJam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Sea Chanteys/Wheaton 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p><b>1 FSGW CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE (ROCKVILLE)</b> 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p>7:30 Arlington Jam <b>8 FSGW BOARD MEETING</b> <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<p>10 am Annapolis Jam 1 Greenbelt Waltz Practicum 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Silver Spring Country-Gospel Jam 3 <b>FSGW FAMILY DANCE</b> 4 <b>FSGW GOSPEL SING</b> 7:30 Focus Rockville Concert Joan and Joni <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE CAROLINE BARNES WITH HONEYSUCKLE ROSE</b> <b>FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND</b></p>	<p>7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club Harpeth Rising 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p>7:30 Grapevine Storytelling <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chantey/Baltimore 8 <b>FSGW House Concert (Largo, MD) BOB BOVEE</b></p>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<p>10 am Annapolis Jam 2 Carpathia &amp; Tisza Concert Falls Church, VA 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 Sandy Spring Sacred Harp 4 Oakton Shape Note Sing <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE LUKE DONFORTH WITH ROSINANCE</b></p>	<p>7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 8 Balkan Singing 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p><b>1 FSGW CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE (ROCKVILLE)</b> 7 DC Shape Note Sing 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club <b>7:30 FSGW House Concert (Takoma Park, MD) CASTLEBAY</b> 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p><b>1 FSGW SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE SILVER SPRING, MD</b> 7:30 Arlington Jam <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chantey/Annapolis</p>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<p>10 am Annapolis Jam 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Alexandria Scottish Jam 3 GWCC Ceili Dance 4 <b>FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING</b> <b>7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE GAYE FIFER CALLS WITH DEVINE COMEDY</b></p>	<p>7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Baltimore English Country Dance 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p>7 Greenbelt Cajun Jam <b>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</b> 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chantey/Washington,DC</p>

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 6:30 FSGW CONCERT (ALEXANDRIA, VA) LEE MURDOCK 7:30 IMT Concert (Takoma DC) The Kennedys 8:00 FSGW OPEN SING 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance	<b>2</b> 10-3:30 POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 4 Berryville Shape Note Sing 4:30 DC Norwegian Dance 7 Focus Alexandria, VA Joe Crookston 8 FSGW CONCERT (SEEKERS' CHURCH, DC) LEE MURDOCK
	<b>7</b> 6:30 Harrisonburg, VA Family Dance 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L DANCE 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>8</b> 7:30 IMT Concert Takoma Park Ari & Mia concert 7:30 Shirleta Settles & Bill Baker Concert (DC) 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra with The Glen Echo Open Band FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!	<b>9</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 5 Baltimore Family Dance 7:30 Circa Blue concert (Herndon, VA) 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Silver Spring English Dance FSGW CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND
	<b>14</b> 6 Front Royal, VA Family Dance 7:30 SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L DANCE 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>15</b> 7:30 333 Coffeehouse: Mike Agranoff concert 8 IMT Takoma Park Only Lonesome concert 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance	<b>16</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 7 Annapolis Contra Dance 7 Lancaster, PA Contra Dance 7 Scandia DC Dance 7 Focus Alexandria, VA Concert: Johnsmith 7:30 Leesburg Assembly Dance 7:30 The Country Gentlemen Tribute Band Concert (Herndon, VA) 7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP
	<b>21</b> 7:30 Glen Echo Int'l Dance 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 8 Wheaton Folksong Sing-In 8 Mt. Vernon Int'l Folk Dance 8:15 Back Room Blues Dance	<b>22</b> First Night of Passover 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance	<b>23</b> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam
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## Advance Notice

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Friday, May 6  
**BOB ZENTZ**  
 Emma's, Alexandria, VA

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Thursday, May 12  
**ZOE MULFORD**  
 Seeker's Church,  
 Washington, DC (Takoma)

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Saturday, May 14  
**30TH ANNUAL**  
**WASHINGTON SPRING**  
**BALL**  
 Silver Spring, MD

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Saturday, May 22  
**ED TRICKETT**  
 Seeker's Church,  
 Washington, DC (Takoma)

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Saturday, June 4 and  
 Sunday, June 5  
**36th Annual**  
**Washington**  
**Folk Festival**  
 GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

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Friday, September 23, thru  
 Monday, September 26, 2016  
**52ND ANNUAL**  
**FSGW GETAWAY**  
 West River Conference Center  
 West River, MD

# 2017

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Saturday, February 4, 2017  
**FSGW ANNUAL**  
**MINI FEST**  
 Takoma Park Middle School, MD  
 Noon to 10:30 pm.



CONCERTS *continued*

**"Sugar" Biles** on bass and **Skip Fennel** on keyboard. Soulful D.C. songwriter **Bill Baker** will open. Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church 276 Carroll St. NW@Takoma Metro, 20012. \$18 adv./\$20 door. Jesse Palidofsky **301-562-4147** or **202-829-9882** night of show only. [carrollcafe.org](http://carrollcafe.org).

**HARPETH RISING • HERNDON, VA****TUESDAY, APRIL 12 • 7:15**

Reston-Herndon Folk Club will host *Harpeth Rising* at the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, \$10 non-members/\$10 members. Info: [www.restonherndonfolkclub.com](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com) or **703-435-2402**. Adv. tickets - [DAHurdSr@cs.com](mailto:DAHurdSr@cs.com).

**CARPATHIA AND TISZA • FALLS CHURCH, VA****SUNDAY, APRIL 17 • 2 PM**

*Carpathia* and *Tisza* will present a full stage performance showcasing the folk dances and music of several countries including Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Bulgaria at Creative Cauldron. The show is part of Passport to the World, which is a collaboration with FSGW! 410 S. Maple Ave., 22046. \$20 (Please buy in advance at [www.creativecauldron.org/passport-to-the-world.html](http://www.creativecauldron.org/passport-to-the-world.html)).

# Dances

**CEILI****GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD****SUNDAY, APRIL 24 • 3 - 8 PM**

The Greater Washington Ceili Club is celebrating it's 30th season this year! GWCC sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept-May). Music this month by *The InnMates*, with Zan McLeod. Workshop (West Kerry Set) at 3 pm, Ceili 4-8 pm, with potluck dinner during the first break. No partner needed; smooth soled shoes (not tennis shoes) recommended. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 76000). \$15 Members, \$20 Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: **301-512-4480** or [gwcc-online.org](http://gwcc-online.org).

**COMMUNITY/FAMILY****FSGW Family Dance  
Details on page 9.****HARRISONBURG FAMILY DANCE • HARRISONBURG, VA****FIRST THURSDAYS • 6:30-8:30 PM**

First Presbyterian Church, 17 Court Square 22802. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: [tommack1861@gmail.com](mailto:tommack1861@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/SVCWED](http://facebook.com/SVCWED).

**FRONT ROYAL FAMILY DANCE • FRONT ROYAL, VA****SECOND THURSDAYS • 6-7:30 PM**

Samuels Public Library, 330 East Criser Rd 22630. Line, circle and square sets. Free and open to all. Info: [tommack1861@gmail.com](mailto:tommack1861@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/SVCWED](http://facebook.com/SVCWED).

**BALTIMORE FAMILY DANCE  
REISTERSTOWN, MD****SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 5 PM**

**Kerry Forry** calls to **Megan Beller & the Charles Street Fiddlers**. Dance starts 5-6:30 with a short break for snacks. Potluck from 6:30-7:30. \$4 members/\$6 non-members. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208.

**CONTRA***Sundays***FSGW Sunday Night Dances  
Details on page 7.***Wednesdays***BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD  
WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM**

Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. BFMS and FSGW members \$9, non-members \$13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: [bfms.org](http://bfms.org).

**April**

- 6 Susan Taylor** calls to **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, guitar, accordion).
- 13 Andrea Nettleton** calls to *Triple Helix* - **Colleen Reed** (flute, sax), **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle, mandolin), and **Keith Gillis** (guitar). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.
- 20 Ron Blechner** calls to *Terpsichore* - **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (bass), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).
- 27 Janine Smith** calls to the *Old Time Jam Band*. New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.

*Fridays***FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, MD  
FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM**

The Friday Night Dancers, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified), at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15. \$10 for the lesson and dance. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: [FridayNightDance.org](http://FridayNightDance.org), or **301-**

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632-2222, or the Friday Night Dance Facebook page.

#### April

- 1 **Bob Isaacs** and **Bryan Suchenski** calls to *Tempest* **Tim Ball**, fiddle, **Chuck Abell**, guitar/mandolin and **Eric Metzgar**, drum/percussion.
- 8 **Dave Colestock** calls to the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*.
- 15 **Luke Donforth** calls to *SugarBeat* with **Marc Glickman**, piano/bodhran, **Elke Baker**, fiddle and **Susan Brandt**, flute.
- 22 **Ron Blechner** calls to *Transatlantic Crossing* with **Jon Gardner**, guitar, **Anne Gardner**, fiddle and **David Gardner**, piano.
- 29 **Brian Hamshar** calls to *Contra Rebels* with **Tom Clewell** and **Barb Schmid**, fiddles, **Bruce Campbell**, bass and **Henry Koretzky**, guitar.



#### Saturdays

### BFMS CONTRA - BALTIMORE, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 8-11 PM 2016

**Kim Forry** calls to *The Rythmajigs* from Charlottesville: **Jack Maus** (keyboards), **Walter Hojka** (fiddle and percussive feet), **Patti Reum** (wind instruments). The evening starts with Potluck from 6:30-7:30; Introduction to contra dancing from 7:35-7:55; dance from 8-11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. St. Mark's on the Hill, Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. \$9 Members, \$13 Non-members. Under 21 full-time students with ID \$4 members, \$6 Non-members. Info Sara Glik **410-292-8681** or [satdance@bfms.org](mailto:satdance@bfms.org).

### LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7-10 PM

**Terry Bachmann** calls to *The Gooseberries* with **Matthew Burke** (fiddle), **Rich Dodson** (tenor banjo), **Dave Cottrell** (accordion), and **Jill Smith** (piano). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners workshop 6:15. \$9 adults/\$6 students. Age 15 and under free. Info: Karen at **717-951-4317** or [lancastercontra.org](http://lancastercontra.org).

### ATDS CONTRA • ANNAPOLIS, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7-10 PM

A cadre of local callers will teach and call dances to the music of *The Annapolis All-Starz* open band. Includes a free introductory session at 6:30; Dance 7-10 p.m. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$10/discounts for seniors, students, families, and ATDS/FSGW Members. Info: Jan Scopel at **443-540-0867** or [janscope@hotmail.com](mailto:janscope@hotmail.com) or [contradancers.com/atds](http://contradancers.com/atds).

### FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 23 • 8-11 PM

**Lindsey Dotson** will call to the tunes of an area trio featuring **Robin Wilson** (flute and concertina), **Emily Aubrey**

(fiddle), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano). Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd., 21703; \$10/ students with ID \$5. Info: Boe Walker at **301-694-6794** or [contradancers.com](http://contradancers.com).

## ENGLISH COUNTRY

### Mondays



### BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY PIKESVILLE, MD MONDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through 7:45. Admission \$8 Members (BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS); \$11 Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. Info: Carl Friedman at **410-321-8419** or [engdance@bfms.org](mailto:engdance@bfms.org).

#### April

- 4 Free new dancer orientation at 7:45. **Sharon McKinley** calls to **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Mark Vidor** (accordion), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 11 **April Blum** calls to **Elke Baker** (violin), **Paul Oorts** (strings, accordion), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, etc.)
- 18 **Diane Schmit** calls to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 25 **Rich Galloway** calls to **Tina Chancey** (violin), **Barbara Gorin** (violin, cello), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

### Wednesdays

### FSGW English Country Dance Details on page 8.

### Saturdays

### SILVER SPRING ECD • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 8-10:45 PM

Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by **Bob Farrell**. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902. Parking and entrance in rear. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: Carl Minkus at **301-493-5281**, [cminkus@verizon.net](mailto:cminkus@verizon.net).

### LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • GREAT FALLS, VA SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7:30-10:30 PM

Dance to calling by **April Blum**, with music by **Alice Markham** and **Jeff Steinberg**. Please bring a refreshment to share. \$10. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066, 4.7 miles west of the Beltway. \$10. Info: David Pacelli at **703-757-8648** or [theleesburgassembly.org](http://theleesburgassembly.org).



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*Mondays***BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK • BETHESDA, MD**  
**MONDAYS • 7:30-10 PM**

Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30-8, intermediate / advanced 8-10 (requests from 9:15-10). No partner needed. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16 please. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln., 20815. \$8. Info: Phyllis or Brandon, **301-871-8788**, [DiamondDanceCircle.com](http://DiamondDanceCircle.com) or [DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net](mailto:DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net).

*Wednesdays***COLUMBIA FOLK DANCERS • COLUMBIA, MD**  
**WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM**

We meet at Kahler Hall in Columbia, Village of Harpers Choice. Class at 8, dancing starts at 8:30. Requests taken throughout the evening. \$5 (\$3 for seniors). Info: Ethel at **410-997-1613**, Ed at **410-740-2309**, or [columbiafolkdancers.org](http://columbiafolkdancers.org).

*Thursdays***GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK • BETHESDA, MD**  
**THURSDAYS • 7:30-10:45 PM**

Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). Lesson at 7:30, Request dances from 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. \$5 Info: Jamie at **301-466-3018** or [dancingplanet@erols.com](mailto:dancingplanet@erols.com).

**CARPATHIA FOLK DANCERS • WASHINGTON, DC**  
**THURSDAYS • 6:30-9 PM**

Carpathia is Washington's multi-ethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3 or 4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Foggy Bottom, and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s. We are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance of at least 14 years old. Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Please contact [carpathiadc@gmail.com](mailto:carpathiadc@gmail.com) for more information and check us out at [www.facebook.com/carpathiadc](http://www.facebook.com/carpathiadc).

**MT. VERNON INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING**  
**ALEXANDRIA, VA**  
**THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM**

Special workshop with international folk dance teacher Lee Otterholt on April 7, 8-10:30 pm, \$15. We welcome beginners and advanced dancers, no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction and requested dances. Mt

Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Usual donation \$4. Info: Patricia at **703-472-3888** or [pdw@patriccadaywilliams.com](mailto:pdw@patriccadaywilliams.com).

**CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS • 7:30-9:30**

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider at **703-528-5114** or [aulmsch@msn.com](mailto:aulmsch@msn.com).

*Fridays***GREENBELT FOLK DANCING - GREENBELT, MD**  
**FRIDAYS - 8:30-10:45 PM**

We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15, requests from 9:15 on. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. \$7/students and seniors half price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner at **301-565-0539** or [larry@larryweiner.com](mailto:larry@larryweiner.com), or [larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm](http://larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm).

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**ISRAELI DANCING • ARLINGTON, VA**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS • 8-10 PM**

Beginner/review instruction from 8 to 9. Intermediate and practice from 9-10. All with a thirst for exercise and dance are welcome. Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd, 22204. \$5 per person per hour. Info: **Ethan Halpern** at **301-982-0937** or [xtc0yes@aol.com](mailto:xtc0yes@aol.com).

**ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD**  
**TUESDAYS • 7-10:30 PM**

Instruction from 7 to 7:45. We focus on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. \$8 adults, \$6 students. Info: Mike Fox at **240-424-0805** or [markidmike.com](http://markidmike.com).

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**MORRIS**

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**ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS WOMEN**  
**MONDAYS • 7:30-9 PM**

Learn and perform the traditional morris dances of Northwest England, which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees) at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Arlington Blvd at George Mason Dr. Info: [suzelise@comcast.net](mailto:suzelise@comcast.net) or [nwdancers@comcast.net](http://nwdancers@comcast.net).



### ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:45 PM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814, walkable from Bethesda Metro. Info: Louise at **301-927-6373** or [louiseneu@earthlink.net](mailto:louiseneu@earthlink.net) or [uswet.com/RCMW.html](http://uswet.com/RCMW.html).

### FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM

Experience the vigorous thrill of the morris and the camaraderie of a morris team! Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, mummers' plays and occasional long-sword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St, NW, Washington DC and/or at the pub afterwards. Info: Alan Peel at **301-920-1912** or [squire@fbmm.org](mailto:squire@fbmm.org) or [fbmm.org](http://fbmm.org).

### SCANDINAVIAN

### NORWEGIAN CLASS, DANCE & POTLUCK • WASH, DC SATURDAY, APRIL 2 • CLASS 4:30 PM, POTLUCK 6:30, DANCING 8

Norwegian-style house party, preceded by beginner Hallingspringar class taught by hosts **Linda Brooks** and **Ross Schipper**, to give you a head start before the Spree (see under Weekends). Mesmerizing live music by **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. 3600 T St, NW, 20007. Host phone just in case: 202-333-2826. Info and directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or Jenny at [pi@xecu.net](mailto:pi@xecu.net).

### SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 16 • 7 PM

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature **Loretta Kelley**, our local treasure and considered to be the most accomplished American born Hardanger fiddle player, and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Busserull - an exciting more modern Norwegian folk dance, based on Rørospols but done to lively 2/4 music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. \$10; Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper **202-333-2826**, [Linda@ScandiaDC.org](mailto:Linda@ScandiaDC.org), [www.ScandiaDC.org](http://www.ScandiaDC.org). Inclement weather call **301-474-0646**.

### SCOTTISH

See [rscds-greaterdc.org](http://rscds-greaterdc.org) for all Scottish dance listings.

### BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE MONDAYS • 8-10 PM

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod at **301-622-5945** or [blackolav@gmail.com](mailto:blackolav@gmail.com).

### GREENBELT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE TUESDAYS • 8-10 PM

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center. \$8. Info: Jay Andrews at **703-719-0596** or [andrewj@rcn.com](mailto:andrewj@rcn.com).

### ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE WEDNESDAYS • 8-9:45 PM

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, Alexandria 22314. \$5 Info: [elanyj@cox.net](mailto:elanyj@cox.net).

### SQUARE

### COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • GALESVILLE, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 30 • 7 PM

Dance squares, circles, longway sets and waltzes. **Janine Smith** calls to traditional Appalachian dance tunes by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar) and friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. All ages welcome. 5:30 Doors open; 6 optional potluck, 7 Family-friendly dancing; 8:30 More Challenging dancing. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 20765 (Near Annapolis). \$10, Kids 5-17 \$5. Info: <http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com> or **301-926-9142**.

### SWING/BLUES

### BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD THURSDAYS • 8:15-11:30 PM

Popular weekly blues dance in the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9. Different D.S. and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30. Info: Donna Barker at **301-634-2231** or [CapitalBlues.org](http://CapitalBlues.org).



## DANCES continued

## WALTZ/COUPLES DANCING

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD  
SUNDAYS • 3:30-6

A lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$10. Info: [WaltzTimeDances.org](http://WaltzTimeDances.org) or 301-634-2222.

## April

- 3 *Devine Comedy* with **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **John Devine** (guitar, vocals), **Ralph Gordon** (bass).  
17 *Rosinace* with **David Knight**, **Dave Wiesler**, **Josh Burdick**.

STRAUSS BALL • GLEN ECHO, MD  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30 • 8 PM

A Benefit Dance for Glen Echo Park from 8 pm to midnight. One-hour Viennese lesson at 8 pm. Music by *Olde Vienna* with **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Alexander Mitchell** (violin), **Chelle Fulk** (violin, viola), **Barbara Heitz** (flute, piccolo), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass). Formal attire suggested. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, Grand March, dance cards. Carousel open until 10:30 pm (\$1.25/person). All tickets sold at the door beginning at 7:40 pm; \$20/person. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812.



## Dance Classes

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GREENBELT, MD  
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 • 1-3 PM

Waltz lovers, please join us for an open practicum at the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Mid-tempo waltzes to recorded music. All waltz styles are welcome; eclecticism and fusion encouraged. Dance shoes mandatory; street shoes not permitted on dance floor. 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$5 suggested donation. Info: Elliott Drabek at 443-653-1468, [Elliott.drabek@gmail.com](mailto:Elliott.drabek@gmail.com) or [tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum](http://tinyurl.com/waltz-practicum).

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD  
TUESDAYS (APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26)  
7:30-9:30 PM

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn Hambo, Schottis, Waltz, *Zwiefacher*, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple turning dances, including requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. \$5. First time free. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240-731-1925, [lisa@HamboDC.org](mailto:lisa@HamboDC.org) or [Hambodc.org](http://Hambodc.org).

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD  
TUESDAYS (THROUGH MAY 10) 7-9 PM

The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 8 and up. No partner necessary. We begin on January 5, 2016. Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Dr., 20878. First class is free (see website for coupon) for non-members, then \$50 per semester, \$5. Info: [www.ringofkerrydancers.org](http://www.ringofkerrydancers.org)

GWCC IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD  
THURSDAYS THROUGH MAY 19 • 7-9:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club offers ongoing Irish social dance lessons in a relaxed setting, no partner needed. 7-8 pm, basic steps and dances. 8-9:30 advanced dances (this season will include the West Kerry Set and the Claddagh Set). Third Thursday, in lieu of later class, there is a mini-ceili with live music open to all (small donation for musicians; 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19). Wear comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes. \$40/season, first class free. Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Plentiful free parking. Info: Paul O'Donnell at 301-649-6410 or [info@gwcc-online.org](mailto:info@gwcc-online.org) or [www.gwcc-online.org](http://www.gwcc-online.org).

## Apply NOW for

## Takoma Park Folk Festival • Sunday, September 11

The 39th Takoma Park Folk Festival will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Information about the Festival is available at [www.tpff.org](http://www.tpff.org), where performers and volunteers can find application forms. The application deadline for performers is April 18.

# Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

## Sundays

### DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT CIRCLE JAM WASHINGTON DC

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAYS • 11 AM-2 PM**

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036. Accessible on Metro Red Line. Info: Mike Marceau at [mikemarceau@juno.com](mailto:mikemarceau@juno.com). Info on venue: [www.ostreetmuseumfoundation.org/museum/programs/jammin/](http://www.ostreetmuseumfoundation.org/museum/programs/jammin/)

### ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD SUNDAYS • 10 AM-12:30 PM

Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: [ken.i.mayer@gmail.com](mailto:ken.i.mayer@gmail.com).

### CLASSIC COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • SILVER SPRING, MD 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY • 2-5 PM

The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments including (but not limited to) guitar, fiddle banjo, mandolin, bass, Dobro, harmonica, cello & auto-harp—as well as the human voice. 9819 Capitol View Ave., 20910. Playlist & directions: [www.SundayJam.org](http://www.SundayJam.org); Questions: Dorie Hightower **301-706-763**

### CABOMA JAM • ANNANDALE, VA 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS • 2 PM

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr.), Arlington VA 22201. Info: Don at **703-522-1696** or [www.caboma.org](http://www.caboma.org).

### SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS • 4-6 PM

Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860 (about 10 miles west of Laurel). Info: Dave Greene at **301-570-3283** or [dgreene@all-systems.com](mailto:dgreene@all-systems.com) to confirm.

### VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS • 5-7:30 PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124, in classroom 3/4. Info: John at 540-955-2660 or [jdelre@visuallink.com](mailto:jdelre@visuallink.com) or visit [dcshapenote.square-space.com](http://dcshapenote.square-space.com).

### SCOTTISH JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS • 2-5 PM

John Strongbow's Tavern, 710 King St., 22314. Info: Peter@[boghadubh@gmail.com](mailto:boghadubh@gmail.com) or [dcscottishsession.blogspot.com](http://dcscottishsession.blogspot.com). Info on venue: [johnstrongbows.com](http://johnstrongbows.com).

## Mondays

### BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD MONDAYS • 8 PM

Informal singing group, *Sedenka*, meets in to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya at **301-270-4175** or [Katya@partan.com](mailto:Katya@partan.com).

### DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS • 7-10 PM

Free. Non-smoking. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave (corner of 4th Ave), 20912, near New Hampshire and Eastern Aves. Info: Barb Diederich at **301-633-2504** or [barb@barbdiederich.com](mailto:barb@barbdiederich.com).

### SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAYS • 8-10 PM

*The Ship's Company* chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly *a cappella* but instruments are welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: Myron Peterson at [ructic@yahoo.com](mailto:ructic@yahoo.com) or [ShipsCompany.org](http://ShipsCompany.org).

## Tuesdays

### CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD TUESDAYS: 7:30-10 PM

Sing into spring with the Capital Accord Chorus, an all-women's *a cappella* group singing in the barbershop style. Free and open rehearsals, Tuesday nights, 7:30-10:00 pm. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room (new location), 919 University Blvd. West, **1-301-392-7664** or [admin@capitalaccord.org](mailto:admin@capitalaccord.org).



### RESTON/HERNDON FOLK CLUB HERNDON, VA TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM

At Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, 20170. Open mic format. Doors open at 6. Second Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase. Third Tuesday often features monthly concerts, price varies. Info: **703-435-2402** or [RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://RestonHerndonFolkClub.com).

### DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS • 7-9:30 PM

We sing from both *The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*. Loaners available and books for sale. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and friends. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4<sup>th</sup> St SE, 20003. Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; church is 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations, or 20 minutes from Union Station. Info: John at **540-955-2660** or [dcshapenote.square-space.com](http://dcshapenote.square-space.com).

JAMS/OPEN MICs/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

**OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD****ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 7:30-10:30 PM**Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at Liam Flynn's, 22 W. North Ave, 21201. Info: [KenAndBrad.com](http://KenAndBrad.com).*Wednesdays***SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • 3 LOCATIONS****2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, AND 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAYS • 8-10 PM***The Ship's Company* chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at [ructic@yahoo.com](mailto:ructic@yahoo.com) or [ShipsCompany.org](http://ShipsCompany.org).**April**

- 13 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St. (Fell's Pt.), Baltimore, 21231
- 20 Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave., Annapolis, 21401
- 27 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

**CAJUN JAM • GREENBELT, MD****4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAYS • 7-9 PM**Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, 20770. Info: **301-474-5642** or [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com). Check website to confirm.*Thursdays***FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD****3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM**Join local musician **Brad Howard** every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub, at the corner of Elkin and Price, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Venue Info: [thelimerickpub.net](http://thelimerickpub.net).

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! [enul@starpower.net](mailto:enul@starpower.net) or 301-587-2286

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*Fridays***GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD****2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM**The fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band* plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. Find recordings, tunebook names and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at [OpenBandOnline.com](http://OpenBandOnline.com). The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. Info: [FridayNightDance.org](http://FridayNightDance.org).*Saturdays***ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES JAM • RIVERDALE, MD****SATURDAYS • 1-5 PM**Acoustic instruments, all skill levels and listeners welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737, across from the Riverdale MARC train station. Ample parking. Free, but donations welcome. Info/ confirmation: **301-396-3054** or [acousticblues.com](http://acousticblues.com).**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG SILVER SPRING  
KENSINGTON MD****2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAYS 2:30-4:30 PM**Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info at [Juliaborland3250@gmail.com](mailto:Juliaborland3250@gmail.com).**SHAPE NOTE SINGING • BERRYVILLE, VA****1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAYS • 4-8 PM**Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St. Potluck supper (picnic style, no kitchen facilities). Info: [shenandoahharmony.com](http://shenandoahharmony.com), [dcshapenote.squarespace.com](http://dcshapenote.squarespace.com), or call John or Kelly at **540-955-2660**.

## Storytelling

**THE GRAPEVINE • WASHINGTON, DC****WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 • 7:30-9:30 PM**The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by **Noa Baum**, with featured tellers **Jo Radner** and **Regi Carpenter**. Program opens with up to 3 open-mic tellers (5-minute limit). At Busboys and Poets in Takoma Park, 235 Carroll St., NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of \$10 per person goes to the featured tellers (feel free to donate more!). "Like" The Grapevine on Facebook at [GrapevineStorytelling](http://GrapevineStorytelling).Details: **301-587-3558**, [grapevinetakoma@gmail.com](mailto:grapevinetakoma@gmail.com).

# Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

## SHARI KANE GUITAR WORKSHOP:

**CHORD COMBINATIONS AND PICKING GENIUS  
OF REVEREND GARY DAVIS • RIVERDALE PARK, MD  
SUNDAY, APRIL 3 • 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Exploring the signature chord combinations and picking rolls that make Reverend Gary Davis' style so amazing will get you well on your way to playing many of his songs and songs in his style. 4701 Queensbury Road, 20737. \$30. Info **301-396-3054** or **info@acousticblues.com**.

## FSGW'S CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND EDGEWATER, MD

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8 – SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016**

Join us for an amazing weekend of dancing and music at the beautiful Camp Letts. Featuring: **Lisa Greenleaf** with the **Stringrays**, **Larry Edelman** with **The Hogwire Stringband**, and **Susan Kevra** teaching French dances to music by **Jeremiah McLane** and **Leslie Barr**. Info: **ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org**. More details on page 23.

## NORWEGIAN SPRING SPRINGAR SPREE TAKOMA PARK MD

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29 – SUNDAY, MAY 1,**

Dance and music classes, three dance parties, and a cozy pot-luck. Norwegian and U.S. staff. All are welcome, part-timers OK. Newbies please try for March 19 and April 2 classes listed under Scan dancing. Springar music is in 3 like waltz, but with distinctive regional lilt in the rhythm. All live music on the magical Hardanger fiddle, which has sympathetic strings under the bowed strings (see HFAA.org). Locations, schedule, comfortable prices, and other info: **http://MAND.fanitull.org** or Jenny **pi@xecu.net**, **301-371-4312**.



## AN ENGLISH TRIFLE • HIGH POINT, WV

**SATURDAY - MONDAY, MAY 28-30,**

Memorial Day weekend!! The second annual English Trifle features calling by **Scott Higgs**, **Melissa Running**, and **Gaye Fifer**, plus eight wonderful musicians – **Susan Brandt**, **Tina Chancey**, **Bruce Edwards**, **Ralph Gordon**, **Andrea Hoag**, **Aaron Marcus**, **Paul Oorts** and **Kathy Talvitie**. \$120 covers food, lodging and lots of ECD (last year, more than 80 different dances!) Tea bag exchange (bring that box you've never opened). At Timber Ridge Camp. Info: **www.AnEnglish-Trifle.org**, or Kappy Laning at **kappylan@aol.com** or April Blum at **quatrimme@aol.com**.



## 31ST ANNUAL BFMS SPRING CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN MUSIC AND DANCE WEEKEND • THURMONT, MD FRIDAY, JUNE 17 - SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Join dancers and musicians of all ages for a participatory intergenerational weekend of dancing, singing, workshops, jamming, crafts, hiking and more in a beautiful mountain setting from \$89 per person. Info: **Elisabeth Epstein**, **703-272-8197** or **catocotin@bfms.org**. Online registration and more at **bfms.org/catocotin.php**.



# Call for Volunteers

## 36th Annual FSGW Washington Folk Festival

### June 4 and 5, 2016

For more than three decades, the Folklore Society of Greater Washington has produced the FSGW Washington Folk Festival ("WFF") at historic Glen Echo Park. This free rain-or-shine event is a celebration of the many cultural traditions that are a part of Greater Washington. The FSGW WFF has presented music and dance from India, Mongolia, North Africa, Ireland, Scotland, France, Israel, Brazil, Bulgaria, Guatemala, Iran, Turkey, Japan, and Spain, and this year's event will again showcase international culture along with American blues, bluegrass, old-time string bands, contemporary singer-songwriters, gospel, western swing, storytellers, and crafts. The FSGW WFF runs from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. With seven event areas running simultaneously and over 85 hours of performances, there will be something for everyone.

In order to produce this Festival, FSGW relies on an army of volunteers. Many have volunteered for decades, but new volunteers are needed each year. A few hours of your time can help make the event possible. We need help not only during the festival weekend but also on weekends in May and June to help with set-up and take-down. If you'd like to volunteer, visit [www.washingtonfolkfestival.org](http://www.washingtonfolkfestival.org) and fill out an on-line volunteer form.

We also hope to recruit people who would like to get more deeply involved in the planning and management of the event – volunteers who want to take on staff roles that make the Festival possible, including volunteer coordination, publicity, web page design, database management, fund-raising, food preparation, stage hands, and general Festival management. If you have experience or would like to develop skills in any of these areas, please send an email to [dwain-fest@aol.com](mailto:dwain-fest@aol.com) or call Dwain Winters at **301-526-8558**.



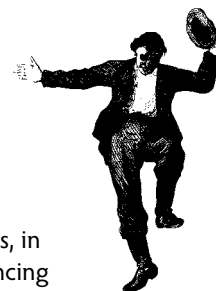
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**FSGW Newsletter deadline has CHANGED!**

**From here forward, please send newsletter submissions to editor ([newsletter@fsgw.org](mailto:newsletter@fsgw.org)) by the 8th of the preceding month.**



# Chesapeake Dance Weekend Friday, April 8 – Sunday, April 10



You know that spring is here when you walk past the flowering trees of scenic Camp Letts, in Edgewater, MD, to check in at the annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend. Whether you're dancing away your winter doldrums on the fine wood floor; relaxing with old friends on the veranda; or enjoying walking trails, canoeing, and other amenities, you know you are in the right place. This year's program features contras, squares, French dances, and more:

- Veteran icon **Lisa Greenleaf** will treat dancers to her high-spirited calling backed up by the music of **Stringrays**, a hard-driving ensemble dedicated to the exploration of tunes in all their dimensions: raucous to sublime, funky to old-school, and playful to tender. **Stringrays'** artists include the legendary **Rodney Miller** on fiddle, **Max Newman** on guitar, and **Stuart Kenney** on bass and banjo.



- **The Hogwire Stringband** will energize us with the superb fiddling and rich harmonies of their driving brand of American roots music. With **Brad Leftwich** on fiddle and banjo, **Linda Higginbotham** on banjo, **Abby Ladin** on bass, and **Joel Lensch** on guitar, **Hogwire** combines virtuosity, relentless rhythms, and expert harmony to bring classic American music to life. They will support the calling of Colorado's legendary square dance caller **Larry Edelman**, previously of Baltimore.



- Every year, we reach outside our comfort zone to enjoy something special. This time, **Susan Kevra**, introduces us to the world of traditional French Dancing. If you've never heard of French dances before, you're in for a treat as Susan, accompanied by **Lynn Baumeister**, indulges her secret passion for bourrées, mazurkas, schottisches, and valse. **Leslie Barr** (fiddle) and **Jeremiah McLane** (accordion), who have both studied "la musique trad" in its native habitat, provide the musical back up as you learn some of the couple dances you might do at a "bal" in France, By the time they are done, you'll definitely want to "Lève-toi et danse!"



Enjoy it all in one of the local region's most beautiful, scenic, and best-appointed camps, less than an hour from DC, and 20 minutes from Annapolis. Heated, dormitory-style cabins sleep 8-12 per room in clean bunk beds (tenting option). All meals are provided from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Check-in begins at 4 pm Friday, and the program concludes at 4 pm Sunday.

For more information, visit: [www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org](http://www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org)





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2 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$62	<input type="checkbox"/> \$62+ \$12	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 + \$12
3 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> \$91	<input type="checkbox"/> \$91+ \$18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125 + \$18
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